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AND COMPUTER READABLE MEDIUM

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on November 6, 2003 (the three-month  
response date for which is February 6, 2004), please reconsider the above-identified  
application based on the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2  
of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 26 of this paper.

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